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Dear Dr. Dubos:

In connection with our experiments on the occurrence of recombination genotypes in mixed cultures of bacteria, I am trying to review past experiments on 'hybridization' of bacteria. Your monograph, The Bacterial Cell, has been highly useful in this project. However, there seems to be an implication on p. 181 that you may have other references ~~in~~ which you did not think important enough to record:

' Although there have been isolated reports of successful crossing, most workers who have attempted to cross related strains have reported only failure...'

Only three papers have come to my attention on this aspect:  
Almquist, 1924, Sherman and Wing 1936 and Gowen and Lincoln 1942.

I would appreciate it very much if you would send me any other references of such experiments, whether successful or not.

Very sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg.